

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 30, 1993

Special
Town Hall Mtg.

BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR LIBRARY

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Mayor Pennino opened the meeting and reminded the public of the "Town Hall" Hotline phone number, 333-6896.

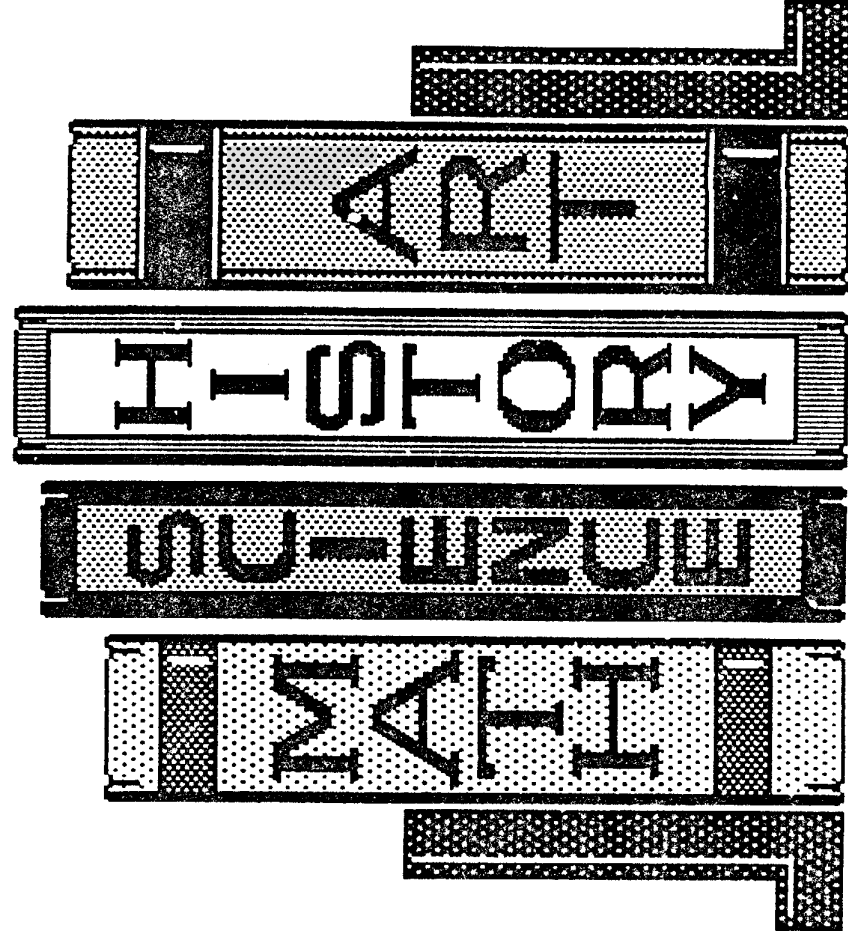
Librarian Andrade presented an overview of the Library and introduced the following staff members and the members of the Library Board that were in attendance of the meeting:

- a) Dorothy Maas, Childrens Librarian;
- b) Nancy Martinez, Manager Adult Services;
- c) Bud Sullivan, Library Board of Trustees; and
- d) Louise Zastrow, Library Board of Trustees.

Nancy Martinez presented an informative slide show of the Library and some of the services it offers. Following the presentation by the Librarian, the following persons spoke regarding the matter:

- a) Bud Sullivan, Library Board of Trustees;
- b) Virginia Lahr, 311 East Elm Street, Lodi; and
- c) Robin Knowlton, Program Chairman, Friends of the Library.

Librarian Andrade introduced and acknowledged some of her staff members who were also in attendance of the meeting: Bernhard Wendt, Building Service Worker; Lynneli Hadley, Library Assistant; Rebecca Loveless, Library Assistant; and Chris Mitchell, Senior Library Assistant.



LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 30, 1993

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"Results show that the average Californian seeking public library service in 1992/93 will discover, first, that there is no library service outlet anywhere in his vicinity. If he perseveres far enough to find one, an average of six miles distant, he is likely to find the outlet closed. If the outlet does happen to be open, he won't be able to find staff to fulfill any specialized information needs he has. And if he is lucky enough to be able to get to a staff member, the chances are that person will not have the librarianship training needed to help him fulfill anything but his simplest information or materials requests. And this situation is getting worse each year."

*excerpted from California State Librarian's report on
"The impact of 1992/93 budget cuts on California
public libraries"*

LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY

MISSION

It is the Library's responsibility to create a collection of materials based on the awareness of the intellectual needs of the community.

GOAL

To provide a quality level of library service to meet the informational, recreational, and educational needs of the Library's clientele at the lowest dollar cost.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C.M. Sullivan, Jr., President

Milton Bergantz

Leonard Humphreys

Sachiko Ishida

Louise M. Zastrow

GOVERNANCE OF THE LIBRARY

California Education Code, Sections 18900-18965, relate to the governance and operation of municipal libraries.

Lodi Municipal Code, Sections 2.12.110 and 2.44.040, specifies the responsibilities for Council, Board, and Manager.

The City Council established the library by ordinance, and appoints the Board of Trustees to manage the library. The Board consists of 5 citizens who serve staggered 3 year terms.

The Education Code stipulates, once the Trustees are appointed, they are then responsible to 'make and enforce all rules, regulations, and bylaws necessary for the administration, government, and protection of the libraries under its management, and all property belonging thereto.' Other sections relate to the Trustees' responsibilities for the employees of the library, purchase of real and personal property, and other matters.

The Municipal Code states the City Council retains sole power as the policy making and legislative body for the city, and the duties and powers of the City Manager are confined to the administration of the city and does not have power to administer the affairs of the city library nor provide direction over the Library Board of Trustees. The Code further states the Library Board is responsible for the appointment and maintenance of library employees, and separate from Council and City Manager.

HISTORY OF LIBRARY SERVICE IN LODI

The Lodi Public Library is a municipal library owned and supported by the City of Lodi. While there were many early attempts at library service in Lodi which came to an end through lack of money, fire, or other causes, the first library which lasted was established in 1901. It was a cooperative effort in rented quarters with a small collection of donated books. After the City of Lodi was incorporated in 1906, the Library Board petitioned the City Council to make the library a true city function, which they did on February 25, 1907.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS

The original building was constructed in 1909 with a \$9,000.00 Carnegie grant. The final addition to that building, which more than tripled the size of the building, was added in 1928. The total floor area was then 9,280 square feet. That building is now the Carnegie Forum.

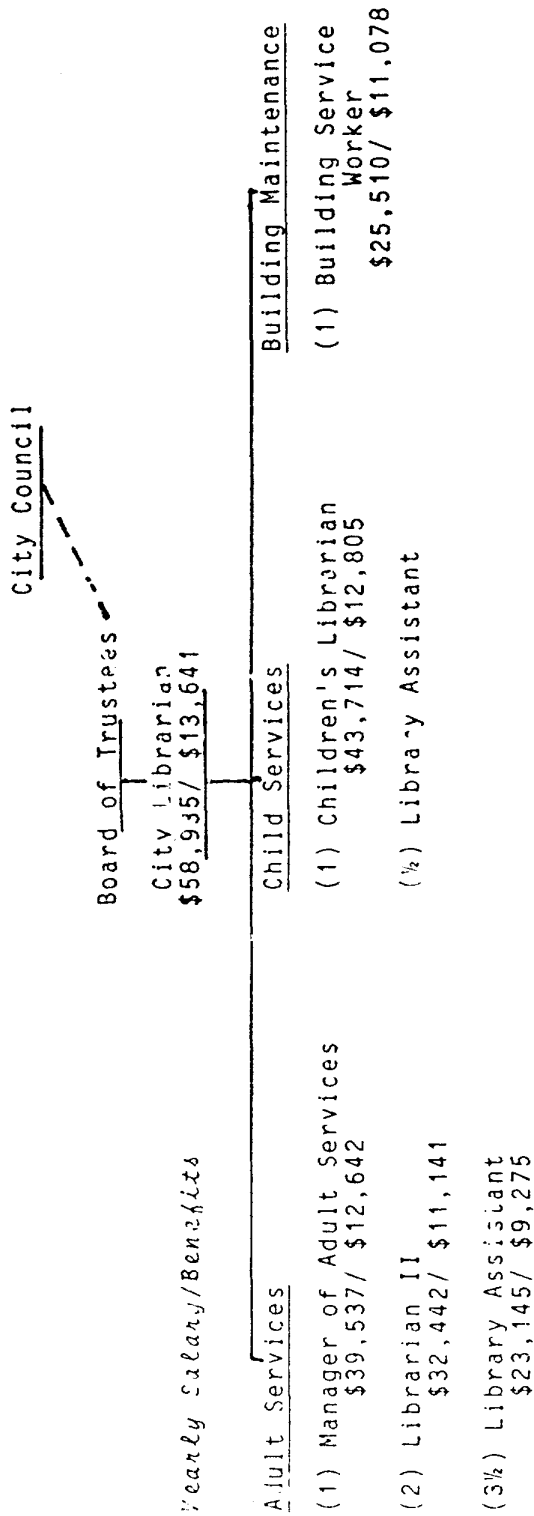
The 9,280 square feet became outmoded in 1952 according to accepted library standards. The Library Board began the effort to get a new building in 1956. In 1962 a bond issue for that purpose was voted on and defeated as well as another after that. In 1969 the City Council agreed to increase the existing 20¢ library tax rate by 10¢ for the construction of the building. A site was selected and acquisition of the property started. In 1976 the Library Board decided to apply for federal assistance. In 1977 an Economic Development Administration grant became available. At a final cost of \$2.4 million the new building was dedicated on April 14, 1979. The square footage grew to almost 31,000.

HISTORY OF LIBRARY SERVICE IN LODI (con't)

COUNTY AFFILIATION

In 1912 Lodi was asked to join the San Joaquin Library System and it did. The Library was operated from city support, but received supplementary service from the county system. Due to this arrangement, free service was given by Lodi to county residents who lived in the rural Lodi area. Lodi withdrew from the county system on July 1, 1949, because it was the only city in the county paying two library taxes, but Lodi continued to give free service to rural borrowers because Stockton extended interlibrary loan privileges to the residents of Lodi. This informal arrangement of providing reciprocal services lasted until 1967 when Lodi joined the 49/99 Cooperative Library System and a formal agreement was signed which provided for equal access by all residents to all public libraries in the five-county area comprising the System.

ORGANIZATION CHART -- LIBRARY



Technical Services

(1) Senior Library Assistant
\$25,564/ \$9,760

(4) Library Assistant

15 authorized full time positions
6.8 authorized part time equivalent (FTE) positions

Part Time (actual)

(5) Library Aide (1 of whom is assigned to Child Services)
\$6.35/ hour

(4) Library Page
\$4.25/ hour

Note: Library Aides are assigned 1/2 time at circulation desk and 1/2 time in Technical Services, except for the Children's room Aide who works only in Child Services.

Library Pages are under the supervision of a Librarian II and are assigned to duties in Adult and Child sections.

STAFFING LEVELS

Position	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	Change
<u>Full-time</u>						
City Librarian	1	1	1	1	1	-0-
Manager, Adult Services	1	1	1	1	1	-0-
Children's Librarian	1	1	1	1	1	-0-
Librarian II	2	2	2	2	2	-0-
Senior Library Assistant	1	1	1	1	1	-0-
Building Service Worker	1	1	1	1	1	-0-
Library Assistant	7	7	8	8	8	+1
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>+1</u>
<u>Part-time (FTE)</u>						
Library Aide	3.25	3.25	3.6	3.6	3.6	+0.35
Library Page	2.5	2.75	3.2	3.2	3.2	+0.7
	<u>5.75</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.8</u>	<u>6.8</u>	<u>6.8</u>	<u>+1.05</u>

CITY LIBRARIAN

- Directs and oversees all library functions and operations
- * Prepares annual budget document
- * Serves as liaison to city administration and to city council
Attends city department head meetings
- Informs library board of state of library at monthly meetings
- * Administers library policy set by the library board
- Selects adult library materials including books, audio cassettes, and periodicals
- * Authorizes expenditures and payments
- * Speaks at various civic and organization meetings as requested
- Develops and institutes long range plans for library

MANAGER OF ADULT SERVICES

- * Develops and implements goals and objectives for adult library services
- Oversees activities in the reference and circulation areas and technical services area
- * Supervises library personnel, schedules hours, time off requests, and work assignments
- Performs technical professional tasks as needed such as cataloging and classification of materials
- * Catalogs and classifies foreign language materials
- * Coordinates operation of automated circulation system including staff training, scheduling reports, and communicating with system support
- * Performs personnel functions including hiring, training, evaluating, and exercising disciplinary action
- * Handles community room bookings, coordinates equipment requests, and room set up
- * Handles customer complaints

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

- Provides reference and reader's advisory service to children and adults
- Plans, organizes, and presents children's programs including weekly storyhour and Summer Reading Club
- * Presents programs to school classes visiting the library
- Selects library materials (books, cassettes, records, magazines, etc.) for the children's collection
- Performs original descriptive cataloging and classification for children's materials as needed
- * Visits city schools to promote library usage by children and parents
- Speaks to PTA meetings and other groups

LIBRARIAN II

- Provides reference and reader's advisory service to library customers as primary function
- * Performs original descriptive cataloging and classification for adult materials as needed
- Assists customers in using the card catalog, magazine indices, microform readers/printer
- Reviews new books in the library's collection, checks for accuracy in processing
- * Interviews, hires, trains, and supervises part-time library pages (ie. book shelvees)
- * Evaluates book donations for inclusion in the collection

SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT

- Supervises work flow in technical services areas
- Supervises typing of catalog cards
- Searches bibliographic database, edits cataloging copy for reference materials
- Supervises maintenance of card catalog and shelf list files
- * Calculates daily cash receipts, deposits cash with City Finance department, reconciles monthly cash statement
- * Inventories, orders, and purchases office and library supplies
- * Maintains files and statistics for book acquisition and withdrawal
- * Supervises ordering of library materials and Library of Congress catalog card sets
- Interacts with vendors regarding defective materials, credits, refunds, etc.
- * Coordinates operation of automated circulation system, producing statistical reports and trouble-shooting problems with system support

BUILDING SERVICE WORKER

- Performs daily building custodial duties such as cleaning, furniture moving, replacement of lightbulbs, graffiti removal, and trash removal.
- Checks heating and cooling systems for proper operation, performs preventative maintenance such as lubrication.
- * Inventories, orders, and stocks janitorial supplies.
- * Performs light repair work to office machines, building systems and restrooms.
- * Troubleshoots repair problems and contacts contractors for initial estimates

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

- Checks out/renews library materials using automated circulation system
 - Assists library users in using card catalog, microfilm readers, photocopy machine, etc.
 - * Answers the telephone
 - * Answers directional and routine reference questions
 - * Issues library cards and enters patron information into the database
 - Collects fines and fees for overdue, lost and damaged items
 - * Books conference room for literacy tutors
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- Operates computer console and brings computer online daily
 - Compiles and prints statistical reports and patron notices
 - Types catalog cards
 - Receives, sorts, and distributes mail
 - * Processes periodicals for checkout, distributes magazines and newspapers in display area
 - * Searches bibliographic database and edits cataloging copy for inclusion in library database
 - Types and files orders for library materials
 - * Sorts and files catalog cards
 - * Processes and maintains files for interlibrary loans

REVENUE SOURCES

Source	Per cent of income	Notes
Property tax	87%	Primary source. Prior to 1978 the Council set the tax rate for the operation of the library at 20¢ per hundred, plus an additional 10¢ per hundred for a construction fund. 17.86% of property tax money received by city comes to library currently.
State monies: CLSA	3%	California Library Services Act Based on a quarterly direct loan survey using a net imbalance formula. Requires the basic library services be provided free to residents and non-residents of the city.
PLF	2%	Public Library Fund An incentive program for funding jurisdictions to maintain prior year's level of financial support to library.
Interest	3%	Investment income. As revenue is received from various sources, it is deposited in the bank thru city hall. The large pool of money allows higher interest instruments to be purchased. The library receives its share of interest based on the amount of money currently in the pool.
Fines, Fees, Copier	5%	Fines are assessed at 10¢ per day for each item overdue (except for interlibrary loan materials which are assessed \$1.00 per day). Fees: Reserves on materials 25¢ per item Prints of microfilm 25¢ per exposure Damages to materials sliding scale based on severity of damage assigned price of item Lost materials Copier: 10¢ per exposure
Donations	Varies	Has dropped off in recent years due to changes in tax laws and the recession.

BUDGET STATISTICS

	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1990-91</u>	<u>1991-92</u>	<u>1992-93*</u>
Population	49,200	50,300	52,500	53,200	53,200
Personnel	\$493,230	\$538,321	\$604,457	\$642,803	\$677,555
Books with processing:					
Adult Services	81,369	89,778	92,496	85,092	102,998
Children Services	28,304	30,907	31,751	29,441	35,563
Other categories	124,032	136,854	166,868	158,408	231,564
Total	<u>\$726,935</u>	<u>\$795,860</u>	<u>\$895,572</u>	<u>\$915,744</u>	<u>\$1,047,680</u>

Note: Fiscal Years 1988-89 thru 1991-92 are actual expenditures.

**Budgeted figures used since much of the expenditures will occur in the last six months of the fiscal year. Includes the abatement amount charged by the city for services.*

Population numbers from California Department of Finance

1992-93 population figures not available until April/May 1993.

<u>Value of Collection (Total)</u>	<u>Registered Borrowers \$ per person</u>	<u>Population (Lodi) \$ per person</u>
1992-93 \$6,789,142	35,534 \$191	53,200 \$128
<u>Expenditures (Total)</u>		
1988-89 \$726,935	32,213 \$22.57	49,200 \$14.78
1989-90 \$795,860	33,231 \$23.95	50,300 \$15.82
1990-91 \$895,572	34,937 \$25.63	52,500 \$17.06
1991-92 \$915,744	36,708 \$24.95	53,200 \$17.21
1992-93 \$1,047,680	35,534 \$29.48	53,200 \$19.69

Note: According to "California Library Statistics, 1992", for fiscal year 1990-91 the average expenditure was \$24.16 per person in service area for libraries serving populations of 50,000-75,000. Lodi Public Library spent \$7.10 per person less than the state average.

Surveys of users here have consistently shown we draw 25% of our users from outside the city limits.

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CONTRACTED SERVICES

GEAC/CLSI	\$8,400/ year	computer maintenance
Ireland Landscape Maintenance	\$1,840/ year	gardening service (thru city)
Korean Building Maintenance	\$12,290/ year	janitorial service
Merced County Library	\$600/ year	interlibrary loan (locator service only)
WTF Enterprises	\$1,260/ year	HVAC maintenance

***** SAMPLING OF SERVICES PROVIDED *****

REFERENCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

GENERAL COLLECTION INCLUDING:

- Large Print Books
- Foreign Language Materials
- Examination Study Guides
- Books on Tape
- Magazines
- Daily Newspapers
- Self-Help Law Books

REFERENCE COLLECTION INCLUDING:

- Auto Repair Manuals
- Magazine Indices
- Lodi News Sentinel on Microfilm
- City/County Government Documents, Including EIRs,
EIS Reports and City Council Packets
- Phone Books for California and Major U.S. Cities

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

- Telephone Reference
- Genealogy Research
- Interlibrary Loans
- Public Interest Forms, Booklets, Pamphlets
- Job Information Center (LUSD, City of Lodi, San Joaquin
County, State of California)

PROGRAMMING SERVICES

- Storyhours
- Class Visits
- Visits to Schools
- Library Tours for Groups

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Test Monitoring
- Tax Form Distribution (Federal and State)
- Reproducible Tax Forms (Current Year and Past 5 Years)
- Copy Machine
- Bulletin Board for Community Events
- Community Room Available for Community Events
- Conference Room Available for Community Events
- Illuminated Magnifying Glass
- Microform Readers and Microform Reader/Printer
- Telephone Renewal

GENERAL STATISTICS

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Public Service Hours	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Circulation	368,890	361,876	370,645	385,206	241,970 (to 2/93)
Attendance in Library	186,574	253,603	295,000	311,445	288,497 (to 2/93)
Number of Interlibrary Loans Arranged	1,159	1,054	1,112	1,183	543 (to 2/93)
Number of Reference Questions Answered	17,629	18,452	22,846	19,468	10,455 (to 2/93)

Sample of services rendered, value projected to end of 1992/93 FY

Children's Programming	Number of Activities		Cost/Activity	Cost/Person
	Count to 2/93	Projected to 6/93		
\$38,105	236	356	\$107	\$2.40
Reference Service	Questions received			Cost/Question
	Count to 2/93	Projected to 6/93		
\$127,518	10,455	20,910		\$6.10
Circulation Service	Circulation of an item			Cost/Item
	Count to 2/93	Projected to 6/93		
\$127,934	241,970	362,954		\$0.35
Book Processing	Books processed			Cost/Book
	Count to 2/93	Projected to 6/93		
\$112,063	4,364	6,543		\$17.12

*Notes: Cost based on projected activity counts.
Salary/Benefit totals used for those individuals directly involved in the service.
There are indirect costs for staff not primarily assigned for those functions
which are not included in these figures.
No overhead costs included in these figures.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING SERVICES

	Activity	Count	Attendance
1988-89	Storyhours	221	9,617
	Crafts	92	2,469
	Visits	64	2,205
	Special Programs	0	--
	Totals	377	14,291
1989-90	Storyhours	211	8,500
	Crafts	95	2,620
	Visits	71	2,461
	Special Programs	1	67
	Totals	378	13,648
1990-91	Storyhours	223	10,009
	Crafts	97	3,306
	Visits	57	2,104
	Special Programs	5	360
	Totals	382	15,779
1991-92	Storyhours	219	11,323
	Crafts	93	2,752
	Visits	43	1,528
	Special Programs	8	690
	Totals	363	16,293
1992-93 (to 2/93)	Storyhours	142	6,845
	Crafts	53	1,616
	Visits	36	1,289
	Special Programs	5	847
	Totals	236	10,597

FRIENDS OF THE LODI LIBRARY

Adhoc committee began meeting November 2, 1978
 Bylaws approved by Library Board and City Librarian January 15, 1979
 Founding date is declared as January 23, 1979
 First official meeting was held February 13, 1979
 About 350 members on rolls by opening of new library, April, 1979
 As of March 1, 1993 the membership is 286

Friends honored in 1992 by the Friends of California Libraries for
 "outstanding contributions to their library and community".

Some of the programs sponsored by Friends for the community:

- * Pennyroyal Puppet Theatre Company
- * Officer Ugg and his dog Winston
- * Great Books discussion series
- * Seminar on "How to start your own business" presented by SCORE
- * Talk by Dr. Sally R. Wagner on "Pioneer Women of the Dakotas"
- * Talk by Dr. Jim Rawls, "Dr. History", on California history
- * "Religions of the World" lecture series

Services provided to the library:

Arrange the displays by local artists in the library on a rotating basis

- * Arrange lobby case displays on a monthly basis

Services provided to the community:

1. Shut-in program

Began in June 1979, currently has 5 runners and 11 readers

- * The 5 runners deliver library books to convalescent and residential homes every 3-4 weeks. Average amount of time spent per runner is 2½ hours per trip
- * The 11 readers read on a weekly basis to residents of various residential facilities in Lodi
- * Average session is 50 minutes. Average time spent in preparation for session is 40 minutes.
- * Value of service:
 - 11 readers x 48 weeks x 1½ hours each x \$6.00 each = \$4,752
 - 5 runners x 12 visits per year x 2½ hours each x \$6.00 each = \$900
 - Total for this program: \$5,652

2. Literacy program

This is strictly a volunteer enterprise

First tutor class held in November 1985; 20 trained

Currently:

Staffing consists of a Director with 6 assistants
50-55 tutors are available with 90% of them assigned
to a student

As of March 1, 1993, there are 49 active tutors,

5 tutors taking a break, 44 students assigned

The program maintains an office in the Library Business
Office, which is open 6 hours a week, Tuesday and
Thursday 2-4pm, and Tuesday 6-8pm to assist tutors
in obtaining supplies

Financial support comes primarily from the Friends,
with some additional assistance from the library

Students have ranged in age from 18 (the minimum) to
76, with major grouping in 29-43 years old

Length of commitment to the program depends on beginning
level of the student and on what the student wishes
to gain. It takes 18-24 months to adequately cover
the 4 basic books which gives a 5th-6th grade reading
level. Only about 24 stayed through the 4 books.
Many only stay 12-15 months for a 4th-5th grade reading
level.

Time commitment (minimum)

Tutor training	10 hours
Tutoring plus other (4 hrs/week, 48 weeks)	192 hours
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Total for 50 tutors	202 annual 10,100

Administrative committee
(estimated hours per year)

Director	500
Tutor Co-ordinator	400
Student co-ordinator	400
Office Manager	250
Assistants (3)	500
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	2,050

Value of service:

Tutors: 10,100 x \$15/hr =	\$ 151,500
Admin.: 2,050 x \$8 ave./hr =	16,400
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	\$ 167,900

Services provided... (con't.)

Equipment and materials purchased by Friends:

- * Public sound system with freestanding microphone for Community Room
- * Desktop reading magnifier, illuminated, for public's use
- * Framed lithograph of Thomas Jefferson displayed outside California Room
- * Donations of approximately \$500 per year for purchase of large print books, children's programs, records

Funds are raised through annual membership dues, donations and, recently, grants

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION TO
INCREASE EFFICIENCY

1. Add at least 1 Librarian I/II for additional reference service.
2. Add at least 1 Library Assistant to increase staffing levels at circulation desk and decrease book processing turn around time.
3. Add at least 1 Library Assistant to assist in Children's programming.
4. Increase number of part time staff for greater flexibility in staffing.

SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

1. ELIMINATE PART-TIME STAFF (\$77,403)
 Results in: Reduction of service hours (minimum of 10/week)
 Reduction of children's programming (minimum of 2 or 3 activities per week)
 Materials take longer to process for circulation
 Materials returned from circulation will not be re-shelved for a minimum of 72 hours (instead of 24 hours or less currently)

2. ELIMINATE ONE LIBRARY ASSISTANT (\$32,420)
 Results in: Reduction of service hours (minimum of 15/week)
 Reduction of children's programming (minimum of 2 or 3 activities per week)
 Materials delayed in ordering, receiving, processing for circulation
 Longer waits per customer for service at circulation desk

3. FURLOUGH ALL STAFF ONE DAY PER MONTH (\$12,000 minimum)
 Results in: Reductions in service hours
 Delay in collection availability
 Programs and services will be reduced

4. ELIMINATE PHONE REFERENCE SERVICE DURING PEAK HOURS
 Results in: Increases in-house questions
 Frees up both circulation desk time for answering and routing calls, and reference staff to handle in-house service

5. REDUCE HOURS FOR REFERENCE SERVICE
 Results in: Fewer questions answered, response time will be longer
 Increases demand when service is available
 Longer waits by customer
 Allows reference staff time to order and catalog books, process pamphlets

6. REDUCE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES TO STORYHOURS
 Results in: Requires sign-ups ahead
 Fewer children participating
 Reduces demand on children's librarian
 Allows children's librarian to provide more reference service in children's room which reduces demand on reference staff
 Reduces demand on circulation desk staff

7. ELIMINATE ONE OF THE CRAFT ACTIVITIES

Results in: May require sign-ups for remaining activities
 Fewer children participate
 Reduces demand on children's librarian
 Allows children's librarian to provide more
 reference service and supervision of
 children's room
 Latch-key type of children end up with more
 time to get into trouble
 May reduce demand on circulation desk staff

8. REDUCE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

(10%: \$14,255; 15%: \$21,382; 20%: \$28,509)

Results in: Fewer options for public for research and
 recreation needs
 Unbalances quality of collection development

9. ELIMINATE TAX FORM DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

Results in: No local place for taxpayers to pick up forms
 for current and prior years
 Frees up circulation desk staff from responding
 to tax questions
 Frees up reference staff from ordering, refilling
 supplies

10. ELIMINATE INSIDE INFO NEWSPAPER COLUMN OR REDUCE TO ONCE A MONTH

Results in: Reduces information service to public
 Frees up staff time

11. ELIMINATE MAILING OVERDUE NOTICES TO CUSTOMERS

Results in: Negative public relations
 Increases negative interaction with customers
 at circulation desk
 Possible loss of revenue when customers never
 come back in, i.e. no fines collected
 Saves postage (approx. \$2784)
 Frees up staff time

12. ELIMINATE PHONE NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTED MATERIAL AVAILABILITY

Results in: Increased postage costs to mail notice
 (approx. \$784)
 Increases waiting time for customer
 Frees up staff time

13. INCREASE RESERVE FEE FROM 25¢ TO 50¢ (\$568 possible revenue)

Results in: Initial reduction in number of reserves
 placed, therefore probably revenue neutral
 Postage fee and partial amount of handling costs
 recovered

14. CHARGE \$2.00 FOR ARRANGEMENT OF INTERLIBRARY LOANS (\$1630)

Results in: Fewer requests for service
 Low income customers unable to afford service

EXAMPLE OF "INSIDE INFO" COLUMN WRITTEN BY
LIBRARY STAFF AND FEATURED IN THE LODI NEWS
SENTINEL WEEKLY

Tour tips

By Sandra Smith
Lodi reference librarian

California State Highway 20 passes through quaint Gold Rush-era towns full of history. Take a trip with me along Highway 20.

Heading west from I-80, we soon take the turnoff for Washington. There is a nice write-up on this old

Inside info

mining town in the March/April 1992 "California Explorer."

To the northwest is Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. You can camp out while exploring what was the biggest hydraulic gold mining operation in the world. You can read more on this park in "Sunset," July 1992 issue.

We then enter Nevada City, an historic town of small shops and beautiful buildings. I'll be there this weekend helping to celebrate Constitution Day. There'll be a Civil War encampment at Pioneer Park and on Sunday, there's a parade through downtown.

Just four miles down the road is Grass Valley. The infamous dancer, Lola Montez, and her protegee, Lotta Crabtree, were residents.

Their homes are historical landmarks, as is the Empire Mine, once the largest and richest hard rock mine in the state.

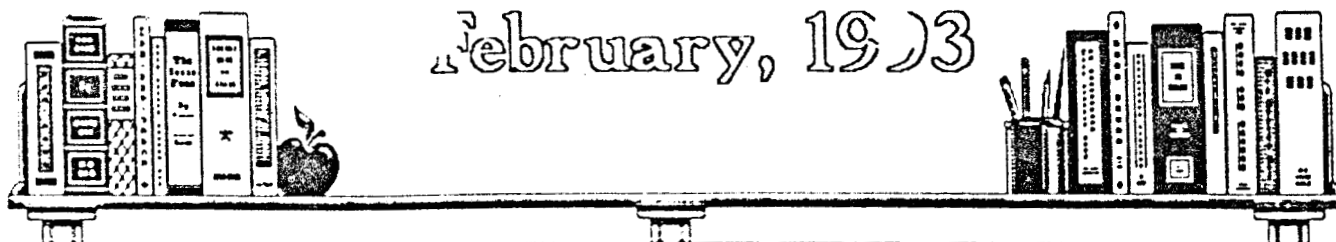
Next comes Rough and Ready. Founded in 1849, the townspeople drew up articles of secession in 1850, establishing their own republic. The Little Wedding Chapel has a very interesting history, so be sure to stop.

North on Pleasant Valley Road is the Bridgeport bridge. It is one of the oldest and longest single-span wood-covered bridges left in the west.

Back on Highway 20, we pass further reminders of the Gold Rush in its heyday: Mooney Flat, Smartsville, Timbuctoo, Browns Valley.

Our trip ends at Marysville, named after Mary Murphy Coville, a local resident and survivor of the Donner party. Here many a 49er ended his boat trip, continuing up river on foot.

The Lodi Public Library has many sources of information on the various attractions found along State Highway 20.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 CRAFTS: MAKE VALENTINES 3:30-4:30	3 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 PUPPET MAKING: 3:30-4:30	4 STORYHOUR FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS: 3:30-4:30 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 6:30-7:30	5 LIBRARY ACTIVITY ROOM OPEN: 3:30-4:30	6 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15
7 	8 JR. GARDENERS* 3:30-4:30	9 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 CRAFTS: MAKE VALENTINES 3:30-4:30	10 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 PUPPET MAKING: 3:30-4:30	11 STORYHOUR FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS: 3:30-4:30 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 6:30-7:30	12 LIBRARY ACTIVITY ROOM OPEN: 3:30-4:30	13 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS* DAY HOLIDAY
14 LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS: MON-THURS 10AM-9PM FRI-SAT 10AM-6PM	15 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS* DAY	16 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 CRAFTS: PRESIDENTS* DAY ACTIVITY 3:30-4:30	17 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 PUPPET MAKING: 3:30-4:30	18 STORYHOUR FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS: 3:30-4:30 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 6:30-7:30	19 LIBRARY ACTIVITY ROOM OPEN: 3:30-4:30	20 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15
21 PHONE NUMBER DURING LIBRARY HOURS: 333-8507	22 JR. GARDENERS* 3:30-4:30	23 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 CRAFTS: NEWSPAPER CRAFTS 3:30-4:30	24 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15 PUPPET MAKING: 3:30-4:30	25 STORYHOUR FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS: 3:30-4:30 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 6:30-7:30	26 LIBRARY ACTIVITY ROOM OPEN: 3:30-4:30	27 PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: 10:15-11:15
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Happy Valentines To You!